



# 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.” - Jn 10:14-15

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### *Prayer for Vocations*

*Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant to our young people the generosity necessary to follow Your call and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give the parents faith, love, and a spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God’s service and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood or religious life. Let your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents and let Your grace sustain them. Amen.*

**OUR MISSION** “We are a community of Catholics who draw our strength from the celebration of the Eucharist, so that Christ may live in us and we may express the values He taught by our loving service to family, neighbor and society.”

### **Would you a like to join us as new parishioner?**

We invite you to become an active participant of our parish community and welcome you. Please take a census envelope from the racks at each exit or contact the Parish Office.

### **Stay connected with your parish family!**

We are so glad you are here with us at Holy Cross! We invite you to connect with our community. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to get the latest news, photos and stories or subscribe to our weekly brief delivered right to your inbox. Visit [www.holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org/subscribe) to see more.



### **Mass Times**

**Daily Mass:** 7:45am  
**Saturday:** 9:00am  
**Reconciliation:**  
 Wed. 7:00-8:00pm  
 Sat. 3:00-3:30pm  
**Sunday Mass**  
**Vigil Sat.:** 4:00pm  
**Sun.:** 7:30am, 10:30am & 5:00 pm

**View Sunday & Daily Mass on online - [holycrossdewitt.org](http://holycrossdewitt.org)**

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Please check page 4 of the bulletin for this week’s schedule.**

**PLEASE WATCH THE HC WEBSITE FOR CURRENT INFORMATION ON MASSES, REGISTRATION FOR MASSES & DEVOTIONS & REGULATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE.**



**Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

7:30am Anthony Fiacco/ Fr. Vavonese  
 10:30am Pamela Hancock/ mother, D. Petta  
 5:00pm John Stach/ Richer Family

**Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am William Ruland/ Paul & Amy Sansone  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Parishioners of Holy Cross and  
 Ron Marko / Elaine Lostumbo  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Anne DeSantis/ Al & Joanne Paparo  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Vona Sharer/ Jean & John Anastasio  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:45am Rosemary Coolican/ Family  
 9:00am - 3:00pm Private Prayer & Devotion

**Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:00am Christa & Matthew Cottet/ Emma Cottet  
 (living intention)  
 4:00pm John Stach/ Frank & Wilma Frydrychowicz  
 3:00 to 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

7:30am Mary Ann Cronin/ Michael Soeder  
 10:30am Ben Stabile/ Elaine Lostumbo  
 5:00am Susan Blizzard-Halleran/ James & Julie Taft

**Spiritual Reflection for Sunday, April 25, 2021**

Acts: 4:8-12  
 Ps 118  
 1 John 3:1-2  
 John 10: 11-18

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” As we hear this message and realize that we are the sheep, we should feel humbled. We may forget that Jesus is out there watching over us. Sheep in the field go about their life, often paying little attention to the shepherd until danger presents itself. They lead a carefree life because of the shepherd, who is always watching out for them. We are able to lead our lives as well because Christ is watching over us, but unlike the sheep in the field, we have a responsibility to communicate with our Shepherd. Jesus wants us to communicate with him, to pray, to ask, and to praise his works. Not only with our lips do we do this, but also by the way we live our lives.



Jesus has laid down his life for us! We see that every time we look intently at a Crucifix. We should be thankful that he has opened the gates of heaven for us and that salvation can be ours. Because of his care for all of his children, he is the good shepherd. As this Easter Season continues, let us praise God for all he does for us in this life, and for what he will do in the next.

Peace,  
 Fr. John Kurgan

This weekend’s second collection is the Home Missions Appeal

**PLANNED GIVING FOR OUR PARISH**

Please consider our parish through:

- Your Will or Trust
- Retirement Assets
- Life Insurance Policies

A Life Income Gift which will provide you with payments for life and ultimately will benefit our parish.

**YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT**

**\$19,704.88 Average weekly need**

\$11,224 Collection of April 18

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF YOUR PARISH!**

**Your support is invaluable. Thank You**

During these uncertain times, please continue to support Holy Cross parish & her ministries & programs through weekly or monthly offerings. Because of your goodness, we have been able to adapt to this changing landscape & provide updated communications, resources, support & programs to our community and to our neighbors in need. Please remember to help support our mission. You may become an online giver by visiting [www.holycrossdewitt.org/give](http://www.holycrossdewitt.org/give). Online giving is through Vanco, which is a secure site. **You have the option of giving using your credit card number or by having an electronic fund transfer.** Or mail in your gift to the Parish Office (4112 E. Genesee Street, DeWitt, New York 13214).

# WEEKLY PRAYER

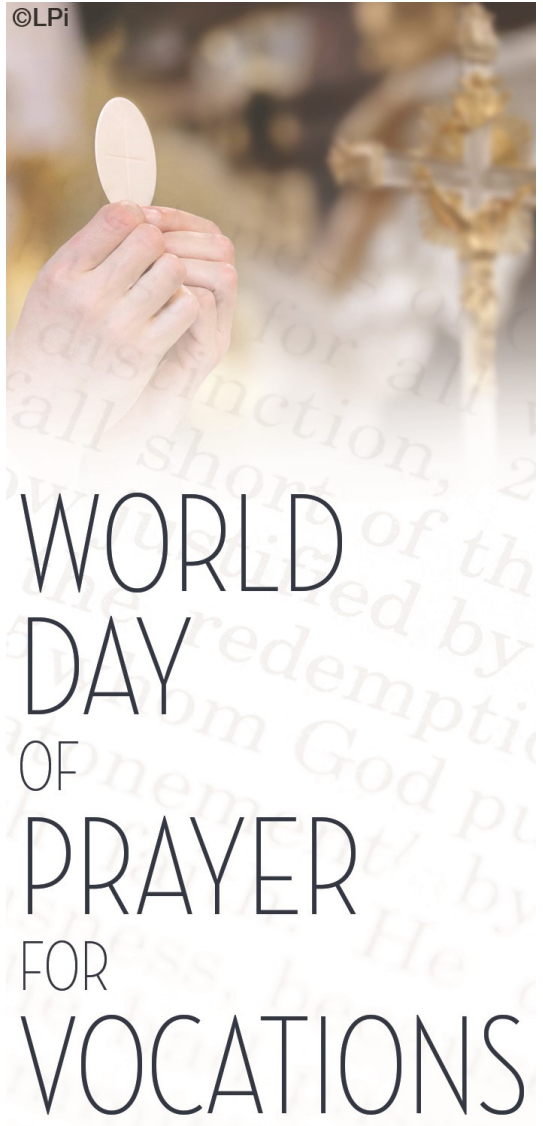
## Readings for the week of April 25, 2021

- SUN 4/25** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
- MON 4/26** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
- TUES 4/27** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
- WED 4/28** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
- THR 4/29** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
- FRI 4/30** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
- SAT 5/1** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
- SUN 5/2** Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 25, 2021

- Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Wednesday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest
- Thursday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Friday: St. Pius V, Pope; Arbor Day
- Saturday: St. Joseph the Worker
- Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

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# Prayer REQUESTS

Garth H. Bishop, Eden & Mackenzie Bishop, Barbara Boyd, Terry Chylinski, Armand Cincotta, Tom Coyne, Mark Cywilko, John Galletta, Stanley Jakimek, Sharon Kieffer, Elaine Lostumbo, Abrielle Lynch, Dinita Machlin, Monique Missoff, Mary Elizabeth Morgan, Faith Muller, Patricia Pool, Stephen Smith, Rita Smookler and John Toole.

If you would like us to add someone to this list, we ask that only family members call the office or email [Peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:Peg@holycrossdewitt.org). We will keep them on for three months unless you notify us otherwise.

Thank you.

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday, April 25, 2021 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Resources for promoting vocations can be found on our diocesan website: [vocations-syracuse.org](http://vocations-syracuse.org)



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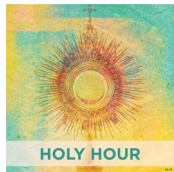
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00 - 8:00pm on Wednesdays.**

Please register online as you do for Mass if you are planning on attending. We begin the hour in the church with Adoration & will conclude with Solemn Benediction.



**Confessions Wednesday Evenings –  
Chapel**

Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered every **Wednesday from 7 to 8pm**. The peace of mind and soul which this sacrament imparts to us is one for which there is no substitute. Come enjoy the quietness of our Chapel and the forgiveness of our Savior.



**Holy Hour—8:15 to 9:15AM**

Join us on Mondays following the 7:45 Mass for a Holy Hour that will be held in the Church.

**Monday Night Prayer**

Each Monday Night at 8:00 pm, we will be offering Night Prayer live on our Facebook page. Please join us for this time of prayer and reflection.



**Private Prayer Hours**

The Main Church will be open for Private Prayer & Devotion between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday.

**When visiting the church, you are required to wear a mask and to use social distancing.**

Be sure to pick up a “Little White Book for Easter”. You can find them on the tables near the bulletins.

**Catholic Media - Augustine Institute**

**FORMED**

**Watch:** A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries - Dr. Ben Akers & Dr. Michael Barber

**Watch:** Films from St. Luke's Productions

**Listen:** Resurrection and Mercy: Homilies for the Easter Season

**Watch:** Guard What Has Been Entrusted to You: A Sermon for the Feast of St. Joseph (May 1, Feast of St. Joseph the Worker)

**Kids: Watch:** The Wonderful World of Benjamin Cello series

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM RCIA Session– virtual

5:00 PM Youth Alpha Retreat - Yeazel Hall

**Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 AM Holy Hour - Church

7:00 PM Refugee Assistance Committee Mtg. - rooms 12 & 13

8:00 PM Night Prayer - Live on HC Facebook

**Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 PM Book Study - rooms 12 & 13

**Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM Fellowship of Believers - Yeazel Hall

7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

**Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 PM Youth Alpha - rms. 12 & 13

**Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

3:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel

**Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Food Giving Weekend**

9:00 AM RCIA Session– virtual

**Deadline Changes for Upcoming Bulletins**

The deadline for the bulletins of **May 2 & 9** will be Monday, **April 26 at 9am**. All notices received after these deadlines will be published in the following bulletin of May 16. Thank you!



**RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE**

Holy Cross School students will be selling raffle tickets this weekend after the 4 p.m. 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses to support the school. Raffle tickets are one for \$10.00 and 3 for \$25.00. Stop by the table in the Gathering Area.

**Denim and Diamonds**

**Save the date for the 23rd Annual Holy Cross School Auction!**

Join us on Saturday, May 15th at 5:30pm for live and silent auctions, 50/50 raffle, and an amazing celebration. In-Person or Virtual setting to be determined. Registration and more info to come!

Questions?

Email [thehcsauction@gmail.com](mailto:thehcsauction@gmail.com)



**A Family Perspective:**



Today's gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherds in their lives are their PARENTS. Every parent is called to be a “good shepherd” to “freely lay down their life” for their children, to “love” and “know” their children and to “lead” them so “they know your voice.”

**Looking for a way to put your Faith in Action?**

For more information or to volunteer, contact Beth Schafer: 315-416-4576 or [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)

**Hot Meal Thank you!**

Thank you to Kathleen Pagano and Dave Rapp for preparing a beef casserole for Catholic Charities Men’s Shelter. The shelter staff and homeless men were so grateful for their generosity of time and talent!



**Refugee Assistance Meeting: Monday, April 26th, 7pm**

Over the past 4 years, the parish Refugee Assistance group has been working with a single Mom and her 9 children. They are refugees who fled the war in Afghanistan and are learning a new culture and language in Syracuse. Thank you to all of the generous parishioners who gave their time, talent and treasure to this warm and loving family; our friendship with them has been a blessing. The family now has two adult children who are now employed, and the family has made strong connections in the Afghani community and in their neighborhood. We invite you to help us plan a June party to celebrate our time together. The committee will soon work with Catholic Charities to identify another family to befriend and support. Our next meeting will be downstairs in rooms 12& 13 or via Zoom if you can’t join us. Contact Beth for details: (315)416-4576.

**First Tuesday Sandwiches: May 4th, 8:15am**

Good news! After many months of sandwich prep in individual homes, our Tuesday sandwich ministry can gather downstairs after Mass in May! We will be required to maintain social distancing and require masks, but restrictions against gatherings have been eased. Join us downstairs in Yeazel Hall by the kitchen to prepare peanut butter & jelly, tuna, egg and chicken salad sandwiches for Catholic Charities Men’s shelter. Peanut butter donations are appreciated. Please sign in when you arrive or contact Beth for more information: [beth@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:beth@holycrossdewitt.org)



**Laudato Si Circle Meeting: Saturday May 8th, 5pm**

All are welcome to join outside in the crucifix circle in the front of church after mass on Saturday to pray and reflect on creation and our response to God’s gift to us! Meeting will be held inside in bad weather. Contact Beth: 315-416-4576.



**Samaritan Center Thank You!**

Thank you to all who helped to serve dinner at our local soup kitchen, the Samaritan Center on North State Street. Thank you to our local Wegman’s for their donation of fresh fruit for the Sunday meal. Our next Sunday dinner, is scheduled in the fall, September 19, 2021. Thank you to Rick Coughlin, our tireless volunteer coordinator, who struggled through changing pandemic restrictions and guidelines this year! For more info about the meals & to sign up: contact Rick: [philiprcoughlin@gmail.com](mailto:philiprcoughlin@gmail.com)

**Food Giving Weekend  
Next Weekend - May 1 and 2**

Our Food Giving Weekend will be next weekend. Please help our friends who are in need of food by bringing your non-perishable food items to any of the Masses.



Thank you to everyone who faithfully support the Jamesville Food Pantry with food or money. It is always so appreciated.

**April Baby Shower for Birthright:**

The Spiritual Adoption prayer program is beginning its 8th month and it’s time for a baby shower! Birthright is a local organization that provides practical help & emergency assistance to pregnant women and new mothers in need.



Holy Cross will be collecting baby items the weekend after Easter until Mother’s Day, May 9th. Items can be added to the baskets by the church doors. If you would like to participate, please donate a new or gently used item(s) from their list of needs: diapers and baby wipes, 8oz. baby bottles, sippy cups, baby towels, receiving blankets, clothing items 0-3 months, diaper bags & Walmart gift cards. Thank you for your support of the Spiritual (Spiritual Adoption prayer) and Corporal (supplying needed items) Works of Mercy.

**Spiritual Adoption Program -Month Eight**

“I like to listen to my Mommy’s voice!” In the last two months the baby continues to gain weight. The baby is developing a layer of fat that will keep it warm after birth. In the 9th month the baby will shift to a head-down position, preparing for birth. Its lungs are now fully developed and capable of making the transition to breathing air. After birth it will continue the human growth process for many years to come. The baby is about 18 inches in length. Your baby’s mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.



- To remain in compliance with current government restriction of the number of individuals allowed to gather, we kindly ask that you register for Mass & other devotions using our scheduling system. This may be found on the Holy Cross website. You may also call the parish office (315) 446-0473 to register for Mass or for any questions that you may have.
- Also please remember to wear your face mask in order to keep everyone safe.



• **Unplanned Movie showing on May 14th at 6:30pm.** Unplanned is a movie about former Planned Parenthood Director, Abby Johnson. It is an eye-opening look inside the abortion industry and also shares Abby's transformation from a passionate advocate for choice to an even more passionate advocate for life. The movie will be screened at **St. Joseph the Worker Campus - Parish Center, 1001 Tulip St., Liverpool on Friday, May 14th at 6:30 pm.** To comply with COVID guidelines, please register: [www.epiphanyparishliverpool.org/faith-formation---adult.html](http://www.epiphanyparishliverpool.org/faith-formation---adult.html) or by calling Jen at 315-451-5070 ext 108. This event was made possible in part by the Diocesan Office of Family/Respect Life Ministry.

• **From the USCCB - No Tax Payer Funding for Abortion - Sign the Petition!** Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortions through taxpayer dollars. For 45 years, the Hyde amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from being forced to pay for elective abortion. Save Hyde. Save lives. Sign this petition from the USCCB, to be sent to members of Congress and staff: [www.notaxpayerabortion.com](http://www.notaxpayerabortion.com).

• Bishop Ludden Jr./Sr. High School is proud to announce that they are holding their Spring Drama Performance of **"It's A Wonderful Life"** at the New York State Fair - Chevy Court. Shows will be as follows:  
 Friday, May 7th - 7:00 PM  
 Saturday, May 8th - 2:00 & 7:00 PM  
 Due to the current times and to remain compliant with all New York State and Onondaga County guidelines, pre-sale tickets are required. Call 315-468-2591 for information.

**PACE CNY**

PACE CNY (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) is a part of the Loretto Family of Care. PACE CNY, based on a national model known as PACE, provides an alternative to placement in a nursing home. PACE CNY is particularly helpful to families desiring to keep their aging loved ones at home. At two Loretto PACE Centers (one in North Syracuse and one in East Syracuse) and their own place of residence, participants receive the home care, medical, rehabilitative, social, transportation, and support services needed to remain at home. For more information or to make a referral, please call Ginny Turley, Intake Specialist, at (315) 452-5800.

**Parish Office Hours**

The Parish Office is open Monday thru Friday from 8am to 4pm except during the noon hour (12pm to 1pm). You may call and leave a message anytime (315) 446-0473.

**2020 Tax Contribution Statements**

If you wish to have a tax statement sent to your home, please fill out the form below. You may put it in the collection box, drop it off at the office or email the information to [Peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:Peg@holycrossdewitt.org). Requested statements will be sent out by mail unless you prefer email.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism** ~ Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements  
 Classes required for 1st child's Baptism  
 †To request either the **Anointing of the Sick** or **Communion to the Sick** please call the Parish Office. †

**Marriage** ~ Please make an appointment with a priest at least 6 months prior to wedding

**Reconciliation** ~ Wednesday 7-8pm, Saturday 3 - 3:30pm  
 Or by appointment

**HOLY CROSS PARISH**

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- Rev. John J. Kurgan, Pastor, ext. 15
- Rev. Charles S. Vavonese, Weekend Homilist
- Deacon Dare Dutter, ext. 13
- James Buttner, Seminarian
- Ernest J. Camerota, Director of Music, ext. 38
- Brette Cooper, Maintenance
- Josh Corcoran, Music Sunday 5pm Mass
- Dan Littlepage, Director of Technology, ext. 33
- Leigh C. Marquis, Director of Finance & Human Resources, ext. 24
- Maureen McManus, Sacristan
- Stephen Nepil, Dir. Faith Formation 7-12 & Dir. Youth Ministry ext. 19
- Peg Olson, Office Manager & Administrative Assistant, ext. 22
- Beth Schafer, Director of Faith in Action Ministry, ext. 21
- Julie Sheridan, Dir. Faith Formation 1-6 & Evangelization, ext. 12
- Matt Stano, Maintenance

**PARISH INFORMATION**

- **Please notify the Parish Office** when a parishioner or family member is confined to home, hospitalized, or entering a nursing home. Hospitals no longer notify us of a patient's admittance. Also, please notify us with change of: address, phone number or email.
- Bulletin items need to be in the parish office no later than Monday at 9am for the upcoming weekend. (holiday deadlines will change)
- E-mail preferred; please send to: [peg@holycrossdewitt.org](mailto:peg@holycrossdewitt.org)
- Hearing impaired ear phones are available in the Robing Room in the front lobby.
- Pregnant and Need Help? Please call Catholic Charities 424-1800

**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL**

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**Staff ~ Name and Title**

- Robert McCrone, School Principal
- Joanne Markert - Administrative Assistant, Nina Walters - Nurse